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MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Carrie M. Austin
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

From: Joe Ferguson
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CC: Deanne Millison
Mayor's Office of Legislative Counsel and Government Affairs

Date: October 30, 2017

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 03-02

The attached information is in response to a question posed at our department's hearing on October 25, 2017 to discuss the proposed 2018 budget.

Aldermen Munoz and Tunney asked for clarification on whether the reports to OIG's Hiring Oversight section, required by the City's Hiring Plan (Chapter II C.4.), of contacts by elected and appointed officials regarding hiring and employment actions are subject to FOIA.

OIG would deny a Freedom of Information Act request for its file documenting reported contacts by elected officials submitted pursuant to the Hiring Plan. Hiring Oversight conducts both audits of hiring processes and investigations of potential Hiring Plan violations. Under the Municipal Code of Chicago, "all investigatory files and reports of the office of inspector general shall be confidential and shall not be divulged to any person or agency except to the United States Attorney, the Illinois Attorney General or the State's Attorney of Cook County, or as otherwise provided in this chapter or Chapter 2-156." These reports, which relate to potential Hiring Oversight investigations, would fall under this confidentiality mandate. OIG provides de-identified summaries of these reported contacts in its quarterly reports on its activities.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.